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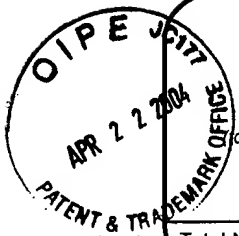
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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed on January 22, 2004, the applicants have prepared the amendments and remarks set forth below. The Examiner is requested to enter the amendment identified in the listing of claims set forth below. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions about this amendment, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney.

**The Listing Of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A method of processing an interrupt disable instruction included in a program instruction sequence, comprising:  
  
    fetching an interrupt disable instruction from the sequence including an operand specifying a number of cycles for disabling interrupt processing; and  
  
    executing the instruction.
2. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the instruction operand is the number.



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